

# Mike Callas

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## FOUR OF A KIND BETTER THAN A PENNANT

Less than a year ago, Bob Scheffing and John Holland of the Chicago Cubs were accused by the Windy City press corps of being "house dealers" when it was learned that Scheffing, then "Cub manager," was allowing the players to indulge in games of chance. Poker, while on long hops in the air between cities, to be exact.

If you recall, Scheffing was indignant about the story, the ex-captain of Wrigley's team stated that poker playing was "better than curling up with a good book."

Just a few days ago, Las Vegas fever rolled its way into the Giant camp. Only this time the manager, Tom Sheehan, made like the press of Chicago. The gambling boys from San Francisco were caught going after aces, straights and flushes without Tom's permission.

### Deuces Wild

The interim manager stated in Philadelphia that at least "half a dozen or more" of his players got together for games of chance which sometimes lasted all night. The only difference between Scheffing and his hired hands and Sheehan's Giants is that the latter played their games in a hotel.

Try and shake that imagination of yours loose a bit. Concentrate. Get away from reality. Transport yourself to one of the Giant players' hotel rooms. Sort of an unwanted eavesdropper. Maybe you imagined the following conversation, similar to mine.

**WILLIE:** Ante \$500, fellas. Five-card draw, deuces wild.

**MIKE:** Why do you want to start a game with that much money right away? Can't you realize we don't all make our kind of dough?

**WILLIE:** Put up or shut up.

**JIM, WILLIE II, and DON:** Deal man, I'm in.

**MIKE:** Oh, all right. But if I lose you guys will have to trust me until I get my "World Series" share.

In between hands the players discuss the hits, pitches, errors, and all the preceding events of the day before. They even go so far as to station a young but rookie pitcher outside the door to tin them off if Sheehan comes walking in his sleep in their direction.

Along about 6 a.m. the conversation gets spirited once again. It seems as if most of the loot is ending up in one player's pocket.

**WILLIE II:** You're the luckiest guy I've ever played with! Don't you ever draw anything but three or four of a kind?

**MIKE:** Look, Pop, if you don't like the way I play the game tell the ol' man to trade you.

**WILLIE:** You must know all the cards' back-side, sonny boy. Slow down that fast shuffle so I can follow your hands better.

**JIM:** I'm out. He's too lucky for me. I've lost that raise Horace gave me earlier in the year.

**ROOKIE COP:** Hey, fellas! Break it up! Here comes Sheehan!

Cards disappear, money is quickly stashed away. Most of the players go through the door connecting to an adjacent room. Being the biggest winner and not able to move as quick as the seasoned veterans, Mike is nipped by the ol' man.

**SHEEHAN:** So! I'm trying to show Stoneham that I can win the pennant with you guys and I find you playing poker all night. Come on, Mike, give the names of the other guys that were playing with you!

### Money Better Than Starting

**MIKE:** (Making a quick appraisal of his winnings before he answers Sheehan) Honest, Tom, we weren't up all night. Some of the fellas got up early and decided to play a few hands before breakfast. Just a few bucks anyway, what's the harm?

**SHEEHAN:** That doesn't look like a couple of bucks you're putting in your pockets, kid! Come on! Who were they? So help me if you don't talk I'll make you a relief pitcher.

**MIKE:** Guess you better, Tom. I'm not squealing. How much is the fine?

Maybe the conversation didn't go exactly like this. Maybe there was more to it than that. Did you expect your dream and mine to read something like Damon Runyon or maybe Sam Spade?

## ROME READY

# Modern Stadia for Olympics

American athletes are busily pointing toward the 1960 summer Olympics to be held in Rome, Italy, but track stars, boxers, wrestlers, weight lifters, swimmers, etc., who think they will be competing in dilapidated facilities, such as a broken and crumbling Colosseum, have another guess coming.

Modern Rome is ready. Honored with the privilege of entertaining the world's finest athletes, Rome has gone all out in an effort to make a favorable impression on its summer visitors.

In preparation for the games, Rome spent 70 million dollars for the finest modern facilities, and to duplicate these installations in the United States would cost upwards of 200 million.

An Olympic Village has been built in a beautiful area just outside of Rome. The village lies near the site where most of the action will take place, on an acreage of some 50,000 square meters.

The main Olympic Stadium is the ultimate in modernization. It seats 100,000 spectators and provides dressing room facilities for up to 1500 athletes at a time.

Stadio Dei Marmi is a secondary stadium that will primarily serve the track athletes. Crowned by huge statues of athletes, the beautiful marble structure can accommodate 10,000 fans on 10 tiers or rows of seats, chiseled out of huge marble blocks.

## Legion Crucial-Torrance, South Clash Saturday

By John Whitacre

With possibly the Bay League Championship at stake, South and Torrance (posts 170) hook up against each other in a first place battle Saturday at Torrance Park. Game time 1:30 p.m.

South with a 7-2 record, defeated Lomita 6-5 last Saturday, and bested Gardena 2-1 in 11 innings on Sunday. Torrance was idle Saturday, but on the Sabbath day they bombed Redondo 11-2, behind the brilliant pitching of Tom Richardson, and the two home runs of first baseman Jim Armstrong.

Torrance's only loss was at the hands of South 1-0, behind the great hurling of Bob Werehan who allowed only two hits. Werehan will again be on the mound, this time against Southpaw Richardson the leading pitcher in the league, with five victories.

Ozzie Grimes manager of the central post, is expected to start Jerry McLean catching, Richardson hurling, Armstrong first base, Terry Greason at second and rounding out the infield at short and third will be Jack Colphnee and Eleazar Ybarra.

In the outer gardens will be, Bob Clark in left, Joe Montgomery in center and either Rick Jacobs or Jim Carrico in right.

Starting lineup for South, is Mike Czarske catching, Werehan pitching, Joe Austin first base, Rick Gomez at second, and Mike Andrews and Larry Anderson rounding out the infield.

In left field will be Doug Perry, and in center Forest Hunt, while Bob Berry will start in right field.

### Line Scores

July 2,  
Lomita 100 001 011—5 15 3  
South 100 300 02x—6 11 1  
Beurden and Jacks; Andrews, Spellman 6, and Czarske.

July 3,  
Red'do 101 000 000—2 8 2  
Torr. 222 000 32x—11 10 2  
Horne and Proctor; Richardson and McLean.

South 000 010 000 01—2 6 0  
Gard. 000 000 001 00—1 5 2  
Werehan, Thomas 9, and Berry; Ota and Brude.

### Legion Standings

	W	L
Torrance	7	1
South	7	2
Gardena	4	4
Hawthorne	4	5
El Segundo	3	6
Lomita	2	6
Redondo	2	7

### Saturday's Schedule

Torrance (Richardson 5-0) at South Torrance (Werehan 3-1).

El Segundo (King 2-3) at Redondo (Horne 2-4).

Lomita (Beuten 1-3) at Hawthorne (Baldwin 2-3).

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SEA COP Pat Nelson likes to tell boat enthusiasts that its National Safe Boating Week '60 Saturday, July 9. Of course Pat likes all you men to maneuver your ships safely even after the week is over. 40 million Americans will spend this summer boating.



A FUTURE STAR meets an established one. Chris Macchio, age 9, Harbor City Little Leaguer, shakes hand with veteran first baseman Gil Hodges of the Dodgers, at the Food Giant Market where the Los Angeles star appeared Saturday. Shortly after, Chris went out to lead the Harbor City Braves to victory over the Cubs. His two out double with a pair of runners on base drove in the winning run in the last inning.

## Destruction Derby Set for Sunday at Gardena Oval

Three drivers are favored to take top honors in Sunday evenings gigantic Destruction Derby at Gardena Stadium, where over sixty automobiles will do battle in an eight event program.

Top drivers entered are, Gene Millard, last weeks main event winner from Lynwood, driving a Chevrolet; Howard Walton, Hawthorne, last years champion and currently leading in points; and Bob Goddard, Malibu, winner of five main events already this year.

They will have stiff competition from such favorites as, Dite Wall, Lancaster; Roger Hazher, Torrance; Don Donavin, Long Beach; Lamarr Anderson, Manhattan Beach; Orville Allen, Monrovia; Harry Nobel, Long Beach; Ike Valdez, El Monte; Woody Pridditt, Los Angeles; Frank Rose, Long Beach; Jerry Dobbs, El Monte; and Bob Goddard, Malibu.

An added event on this weeks program will be special team races, with ten cars taking part. Five from each side will do battle until one team has victoriously demolished its opponents. This week three team races will be featured as an added attraction. The "Malibu Ites" headed by Bob Goddard will battle against the "L.A. Lo-

cos" boys headed by Howard Walton. Also, the "Brown Bombers" an all Negro team will go up against the "Spanish" team headed by Ike Valdez.

An eight event program is slated to get under way at 8 p.m., it will be over by 10 p.m. to let fans return home at an early hour for the next day work.

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